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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 36273

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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR LEARSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: DEEP SEABEDS LEGISLATION

1. AT LUNCH TODAY, HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION
LACHARRIERE SUGGESTED PRIVATELY TO ME IDEA OF INTERIM
AGREEMENT ON DEEP SEABED MINING AMONG PRINCIPAL MARITIME
STATES, WHICH OTHERS COULD ADHERE TO LATER IF THEY WISH.
HE SAID FRENCH PACIFIC TERRITORIES HAD RAISED ISSUE.
FRENCH COMMITTEE I REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN-SANE MADE SAME
POINT WITH OXMAN PRIVATELY LAST NIGHT, BUT ADDED GOF
"WOULD NOT PROPOSE IT" AND SAID GOF WOULD HAVE
DIFFICULTY IF USG LEGISLATED FIRST AND THEN ATTEMPTED
TO IMPOSE TERMS OF ITS LEGISLATION IN AGREEMENT WITH
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OTHER MAJOR POWERS. SHE HINTED THAT GOF MAY ATTEMPT

TO FORM COMMON EC FRONT IN THIS REGARD. I WOULD NOTE
THAT BRITISH, WHO HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED COORDINATION
FROM YOU ON INTERIM MINING LEGISLATION, WILL ASSUME
FC PRESIDENCY JANUARY 1.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO PASS THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO
SECRETARY KISSINGER. RUSH

UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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